



CARD fraud gangsters stole £40million in cash machine scams in the first six months of the vear.

Many of the crimes – up by 37% – are believed to have been carried out by East European gangs.

One banking insider said: "Card security may be being stepped-up but the number of scams is also increasing. "East Europeans are big players in the world of ATM fraud and as more and more nations join the EU, the more British ATMs could be bit"

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Techniques used include skimming, where crooks attach a device to the card entry slot to read the magnetic strip. A hidden miniature camera then transmits the PIN number to a laptop computer as it is tapped in. With the Lebanese Loop, the slot is blocked with plastic, trapping the card.

After the customer leaves, a crook returns to remove the device and steal the card.

Steal

Shoulder surfing sees a criminal standing close to get the PIN then distracting you to steal the card.
Deputy Information Commissioner David Smith said:
"Banks really do need to concentrate their attention on customer security" customer security.

So far only one in four machines has been fitted with the new anti-skimming

machines has been the new anti-skimming equipment.

Meanwhile, online banking fraud rocketed 55% to £22.5m, according to the report by APACS, the UK payment APACS, the UK payment association.
But the largest growing card

fraud was "phishing".

Fraudsters set up dummy websites and then send out millions of spam e-mails

giving up confidential personal banking information on-line.

There were more than 5,000 phishing frauds, compared to just 312 in the first six months of 2005, a rise of 1,500%.

Yet card fraud overall fell in the first half of the year by 5% from £219.5m to £209.3m.

Much of this was down to the use of chip-and-pin in stores, where losses are down by 43% from £73.2m to £42.1m.

Sandra Quinn, director of corporate communications at AFACS, said: "These latest fraud figures show that the industry's efforts are making their mark."

Nearly £12billion was lent by Britain's big banks in the past six months with no checks on applicants' pay levels, Price comparison website uSwitch said.



UK killer flu fears

MORE than three million bodybags are set to be stockpiled amid fears of a flu pandemic. Experts warn a mass outbreak is "overdue" and 25% of Brits could be infected. Ministers are planning for the nightmare scenario of morgues becoming full. A source said: "Ordering body bags is one of the measures we could go for."



Church stamp fu

THE Church of England has blasted the Royal has blasted the Royal Mail's decision to issue festive stamps with no Christian theme.

reindeer, Snowmen, reindeer, Santa and a Christmas tree make up this year's sea-sonal collection.

sonal collection.

But the Church said it regretted the omission of a Christian theme.

Last year's set included a controversial image of a man and a woman with

Hindu markings worship-ping the infant Christ. A C of E spokesman said: "We regret the Royal Mail has decided against we regret the Koyal Mall has decided against continuing last year's wel-come return to Christian-themed designs reminding people of the true meaning of Christmas." Royal Mail said festive stamp designs alternated

stamp designs alternated between religious and non-religious every year. A spokesman said: "It is

about celebrating all the elements of Christmas.
"It is something that we have always done."
This year's collection go on sale today and is the first festive set to include first and second-class stamps in two sizes.

The first set of

The first set of Christmas stamps were issued in 1966 following a national competition for children to come up with designs.

Air luggage chaos

CHAOS erupted at airports yesterday as new hand

CHAOS erupted at airports yesterday as new hand luggage rules left passengers confused.

Limited amounts of liquid are now allowed in hand luggage, but British Airways staff had to turn back people at Heathrow check-in desks after they tried to take items on board which are still not allowed.

An airline source said: "Passengers were just getting used to not being allowed make-up and liquids in their hand baggage, so there was lots of confusion."

Shampoo, toothpaste and other such liquids are now allowed as long as they do not exceed 100ml and are carried in a clear plastic, re-sealable bag.

Hanny

Birthday



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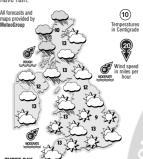
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No ticket won the £88.3m jackpot



Airbrushed Eamonn a flop in the States

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

TELLY heavyweight Eamonn Holmes's US quiz show has been axed after one episode, despite attempts to make him look slimmer.

Executives pulled the plug on The Rich List after it proved a massive ratings flop.

ratings flop.

Industry experts claimed the dreadful viewing figures on the Fox network were surefire "cancel-me-now numbers" in the ruthless American TV market.

The Rich List, seen by only 4million viewers, trailed in fourth against rival shows on the other major networks. It attracted less than a quarter of the audience who tuned into an episode of Lost.

Stinker

An American source said:
"This was the Titanic of all ratings disasters. Never has a show promised so much and delivered so few viewers.
"Even in America a show has to be a real stinker to be camed after just one airing."

It is a massive blow for chubby Eamonn, 46, who had banked on The Rich List making him a big Statestde star.
Telly bosses had even airbrushed a series of promo pictures to make the Belfastborn ex-GoMTV favourite, now with Sky News Sunrise, look younger and slimmer.

Computer experts removed hair, wrinkles and bags under his eyes to make BBC's National Lottery Jet Set host Eamonn more attractive to image-obsessed Yanks.
Sources claim he had even turned down a chance to take over from Des Lynam, 64, on Channel 4's Countdown to concentrate on building a career in America.

Last week, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? host Chris Tarrant, 60, claimed he had turned down a big cash deal to host The Rich List.

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FULL-FACED: Chubby telly star Eamonn



SLIMLINE: Eamonn after the airbrushing

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A COUPLE were stunned when singing superstar Cher phoned their home and asked if she could go with them on their trip to Africa.

She offered to join Robert and Eleanor Wood after hearing of their plan to deliver 300 teddy-bear Christmas presents for orphans in Kenya.

Cher, 60, also asked the charity fundraisers from Glemrothes, Fife, if she could bring one of her A-list pals. Delighted Robert, 55, said: "I did my best to stay calm. It is going to be fantastic."

BUMBLING Tory MP Boris Johnson was at the centre of a race row last night after an offensive poem was put on his website.

The tawdry verse mocked how a migrant comes to the UK "poor and broke" before living it up as a benefits cheat.

benefits chear.

And there's also a cartoon of
the white cliffs of Dover with
the words "piss off – we're
full!" scrawled underneath. It
also blamed Asians for pushing white people out of the UK.
Last night it emerged that

■ by CAMERON MILLAR

the Tory higher education spokesman had no idea it had been posted on his website. Mr Johnson, 42, said: "It is an utterly dreadful poem and I condemn it umreservedly. "I had absolutely no knowledge it was on my website. "Hundreds of people post material on the site and this one slipped through the net."

Joke

A Tory councillor was suspended yesterday after it was revealed it had been sent from her e-mail account. Leader David Cameron, 40, quickly moved to distance his

party from Ellenor Bland, 51.
Last night clothes shop manager Mrs Bland, a Tory on Calne Town Council, Whis, insisted she did not send it.
The former candidate for Swansea East in last year's General Election said that her husband had forwarded the poem as a joke.
Mrs Bland said that the controversial poem — which has been removed from the site — was "light-hearted" and not intended to cause offnec. She added: "We have Asian friends and we work well together and all accept each other."

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Yesterday 82% of Daily Star readers said Saddam should hang in public



CHAM-PAIN: Carly Zucker

Loss of fizz for celebs

■ by WILLIAM MOSLEY

SALES of Cristal champagne are being rationed because it's so popular. The tipple, a favourite with celebs including Chelsea and England footballer Joe Cole's girlfriend Carly Zucker, 23 - costs £300 a bottle.

But some off-licences are curbing sales because of the shortage.

Greedy

Businesses are limiting customers to six bottles each after greedy gangs cleared shop shelves to sell the expensive bubbly on the black market. A wine industry source said: "Cristal is the preferred choice of drink for anyone who is anyone.

anyone. "And now the manufacturers just can't keep up."



QUIT SHOCK: Shepherd

Sound off for Simon

THE male star of The Sound Of Music in the West End has withdrawn from the show nine days

from the show nine days before its opening night. Simon Shepherd, known for his role in TV's Peak Practice, had been due to play Captain Von Trapp in Andrew Lloyd Webber's £4million musical. But after only two previews it was decided his performance was "not working".

The decision was a mutual agreement between Shepherd and Lloyd Webber, 58. The show opens at the

Lloyd Webber, 58.
The show opens at the London Palladium on November 15 with Connie Fisher, 23, winner of reality show How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria? in the lead role. Shepherd will be replaced by actor Alexander Hanson, who hones to begin preview

hopes to begin preview performances later performanthis week.



plans to wed punk girl-friend Gemma Costain, declaring: "We're getting hitched . . . up a f * * * ing tree."

The Big Brother 7 champ gushed yesterday: "She's definitely the one for me.

"I can't wait till we get hitched – it's going to be wicked." The quirky pair want a dog as a pageboy at the wedding and to go on to make at least 23 babies.

by LIZZIE CATT and MARIANNA PARTASIDES

Swearing Pete's romantic revela-tions come after we told exclusive-ly how Gemma flew back from Japan for a rompathon with her fella that lasted 72 hours.

Invite

And yesterday the loved-up pair gave their favourite newspaper a sneak preview of their big day. They'll invite Tourette's suffer-er Pete's BB co-stars Richard Newman and big-boobed Leah

Walker, both 34, to take on some of

Walker, both 34, to take on some of the big wedding day roles.
And once they have tied the knot the dippy duo also hope to start their own hippy commune -filled with their own children.
Pete, 24, said: "We know we want to get married, but we don't know exactly when yet.
"When we do it will probably be up a tree. It would be different and completely wicked.
"We're loving the idea of having the cremony at Devil's Dyke – a gorgeous place in East Sussex.
"Loads of people go there for

hang-gliding, but it's also known as a place to go dogging.

"What would be really good is if Dickie could come along as a bridesmaid in a big frock.

"And I've heard lots of people get ordained on line or be a minister. Maybe Leah could do that and actually marry us."

Green-haired student Gemma, 22, added: "I'd love my dog to be the pageboy.

"We're really keen to have a big famly – our own hippy commune. We want about 23 babies, at least." They also revealed they want their children to look just like the

their children to look just like the one we created for them in yester-day's paper.

Gemma said: "We think the Daily Star's baby picture is so cute. Pete says it's got my eyes.

"We're telling you all this, but I don't know what my parents will make of it.
"They don't know we're coing to

make of it.
"They don't know we're going to
get married."
Pete's wedding announcement
comes after Gemma cut short a
world trip for the kinky session at
her man's north London house.
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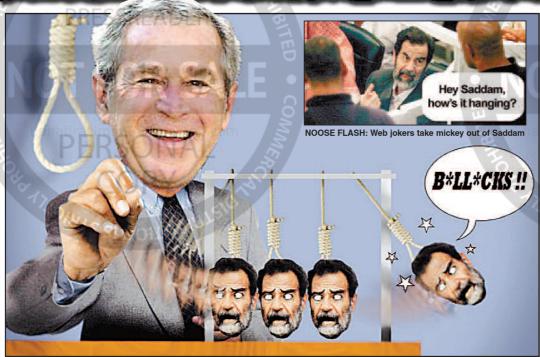
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FEELS USED: Nikki

Gallows humour as tyrant is to swing



JUST hours after JUST hours after Iraqi tyrant Saddam Hussein was sentenced to hang, the world's internet jokers were already having a laugh about it.

E-mail inboxes were

E-mail inboxes were swamped yesterday with gags about the evil dictator's downfall.

Others took the opportunity to stick the knife in to George Bush and Tony Blair over the Iraq war.

TOM SAVAGE reveals the best of the lokes

the best of the jokes..

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Bush Successfully Strings Three Sentences Together



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WEAKEST LINKS: Tony Blair and Dubya





Migration is no joke

TORY leader David Cameron has acted swiftly to end a racism scandal.

He's suspended councillor Ellenor Bland from the party.

She posted a foul verse called the

Illegal Immigrant Poem on the website of a prominent Conservative MP. She also included a joke picture of

dubious taste.

Her actions - which she blames on her husband - were immature and provocative.

We're sure she will be drummed

out of the Tory Party for good.

But this tawdry episode must not weaken demands for a change in immigration policy.

That's an important subject that can

be debated in a calm and reasoned fashion.

Mass immigration – legal and illegal – is causing social conflict and ethnic ghettos as well as putting public services under strain.

Ms Bland's idiotic actions must not distract attention from those

Tree's a crowd Nik

CONGRATULATIONS Brother winner Pete Bennett and his girlfriend Gemma.

They plan to marry up a tree and have 23 babies.

The couple certainly seem well suited - sharing an outrageous dress sense and a love for the wilder side of

But there's one person who won't wish them well – and that's Pete's ex Nikki.

Yesterday she took a pop at the pair. The Daily Star has been a major Nikki fan. She was hugely entertaining on BB and has been good value outside of the house.

We can understand her anger at being dumped by Pete and replaced by someone as weird and wacky

But, Nikki, take our advice and move

That's the only way you're going to find some happiness for yourself.

That's Rich

EAMONN gameshow The Rich List has been canned after one episode.

You would have thought the nation that gave us super-sized portions and XXXL clothes would have taken him to their hearts.

EASTENDERS DEN SOBS ON TV AS SHE BOOTS HIM OUT



SHAMED soap star Leslie Grantham broke down in tears on TV as he talked about his crumbling marriage.

The troubled actor appeared on ITV's The Jeremy Kyle Show to open his heart about the sex scandals that have rocked his life.

have rocked his life.

But what Grantham – formerly Dirty
Den in EastEnders – hid from viewers
was that he is struggling to cope with
the breakdown of his marriage.

Just hours after recording the show he
was kicked out of the family home in
Wimbledon, south London, by wife Jane
Laurie and sons Spike, Jake and Danny.
The 59-year-old actor had earlier burst
into tears as he discussed how Jane
stopped him from committing suicide.
He said: "The reason the suicides
didn't work was because I think there's
someone that looks out for me.

Betrayed

"I have a brilliant wife, who sadly I've taken advantage of, I suppose, over the years. She says we got married for better or worse. I think she's got the worse... I've got the better."

The fallen telly star appeared alongside football bad boy Stan Collymore, 35, and George Best's widow Alex, 34, as part of a celebrity sleaze special.

But while Grantham spoke openly about the internet sex scandal that ended his EastEnders career and the day he killed someone, he stopped short of revealing the true state of his marriage. And later that evening his sons packed his bags after a bust-up had woken their neighbours.

The actor spent yesterday promoting

The actor spent yesterday promoting his autobiography, which covers the 2004

■ by ROSS KANIUK

incident when he was seen exposing himself on a webcam.

Jane has tried to forgive her husband but has admitted she felt "betrayed and humiliated" at the time of the scandal. Last night a friend said: "Although Jane has tried to keep the marriage together – particularly for the sake of the boys – the past won't go away and keeps rearing its ugly head.

Sordid

"It only takes the slightest thing for the two of them to kick off and they've had increasingly angry rows over the last few weeks.

increasingly angry rows over the last few weeks.

"Leslie admits Jane has been fantastic standing by him, but at the same time he's a difficult man to live with at times.

"On top of that they have been under immense strain.

"They have a Down's Syndrome child. Leslie has not found work easy to come by and to promote his book he has had to be away for book signings and interviews in which he's constantly asked about his sordid past.

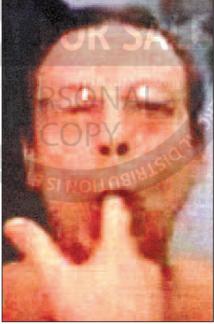
"They would both like the marriage to stay together, but the foundations have been shaken. They are essentially going through the motions.

"Jane reached the point when she just couldn't take any more."

After kicking Grantham out, Jane and the boys tried to comfort themselves with four huge takeaway pizzas.

At one point the family even tried to break the solemm mood by repeatedly blaring "The Laughing Policeman" tune at full volume from their home.

The Jeremy Kyle show is on ITV1 on Wednesday at 9.25am.



DEN AND DIRTY: Grantham gets saucy on the internet

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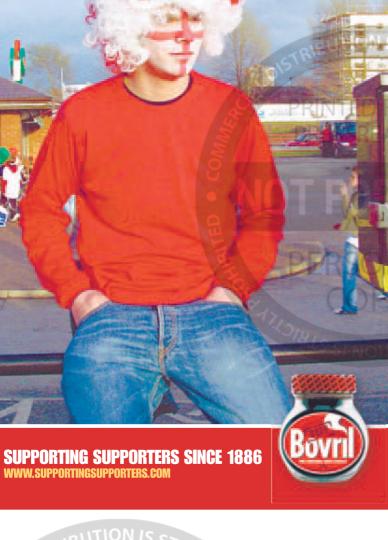
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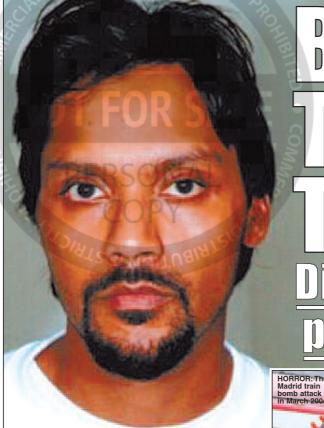




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A BRITISH al-Qaida fanatic plotted to wipe out thousands with dirty bombs in the UK and America.

Dhiren Barot, 34, was on a mission to bring about "another black day for the enemies of Islam" er biac Islam"

Islam".

The Muslim convert even planned to flood London's underground by blowing up a Tube train under the River Thames.

Barot and his Brit sleeper cell almed to match the death tolls of 9/11 and the Madrid train bombs with back-to-back blasts.

Further stylice were planned on

WITH DACK-TO-DACK DIASTS.
Further strikes were planned on
US landmarks, including the New
York Stock Exchange.
Police found footage he shot on a
scouting trip to research targets
in New York on the end of a tape
of the Bruce Willis action thriller

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

Die Hard With A Vengeance. Barot travelled to Pakistan to present his plans to al-Qaida chiefs. Documents found by police suggest targets included London hotels like the Savoy and the Ritz and railway stations.

The extent of his plot was revealed yesterday at a two-day sentencing hearing at London's Woolwich Crown Court.

Murder

Barot, of north west London, has admitted conspiracy to carry out murder over four years between January 2000 and August

between January 2004.
2004. Edmund Lawson QC, prosecuting, told the court: "Barot, who was a member or close associate of the al-Qaida terrorist organisation led a conspiracy in this tion, led a conspiracy in this country to cause lethal explosions

both here and in the USA, a conspiracy frustrated by the actions of police in arresting him in August 2004.

August 2004.
"The plan was to carry out massive explosions here and in the USA, the principal object being to kill hundreds, if not thousands, of innocent people without warn

The US bombings were ing." The US bombings were planned in 2000 and 2001 before 9/11, but shelved after the attacks on the Twin Towers.

They were resurrected and were still being worked on as late as February 2004.

Mr Lawson sald: "The principal

Mr Lawson said: "The principal attack involved packing three limousines with gas cylinders, explosives, shrapnel and the like and then detonating the devices in underground car parks.

Chaos

"There were plans for the detonation of a radiation dispersal device, more commonly known as a dirty bomb, the use of a petrol tanker to cause an explosion, and an attack on London's rail or Underground network, including the Heathrow Express, or an explosion on a Tube train while in a tunnel under the Thames."

Barot himself wrote:

tunnet under the Thames."
Barot himself wrote:
"Imagine the chaos that
would be caused if a powerful explosion were to rip
through here and actually
rupture the river itself."
He was arrested after

rupture the river itself."

He was arrested after police decided he was "simply too dangerous to leave" on the streets.

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WHAT is a dirty bomb? A dirty bomb combines explosives in like dynamite or Semtex and radioactive materials. The blast rapidly spreads the radioactive particles, creating a major contamination hazard. The blast is no more forceful than any other high-explosive device.

What would be the effects of a dirty bomb? A dirty bomb would boost radiation levels, causing long-term damage. It could increase the risk of cancer and kill people several years in the future. Many experts describe it as a "disruptive weapon".

How difficult are they to make? The technology of a dirty bomb is relatively simple. The key components are conventional plastic explosives and radioactive material. But experts say there is a high risk bomb-makers can end up killing themselves making it.

How different are they from nuclear bombs? A nuclear bomb is far more sophisticated and could destroy a city. A dirty bomb, which could be detonated in a confined space like a plane, affects a small area.







NEW 007 Daniel Craig last night blasted websites mocking him for being "James Bland".

The Casino Royale hunk revealed he'd been hurt by criticism of his casting as the sixth James

Bond and begged film nuts to give him a chance.

to give film a chance.
Craig, 38, said: "Fans don't
like me – but I don't care.
"They hate me. They don't
think I'm right for the role.
"If I went on the internet
and started looking at what
some people were saying –
which, sadly, I have done – it
would drive me insane." But

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

Vimes

Craig – accused of not being tough enough for the role – looks like winning over the doubters.
Critics who have seen the £80million movie rate him the best 007 since Sean Connery, 76. Craig studied every bond movie before filming and made sure his version of the character was entirely new.
He told this week's Radio Times: "It'd be a waste of time unless we took Bond to a place he'd never been before."
Producer Barbara Broccoli, 46, said: "He's everything Bond wirile, but can be dangerous."

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He won the Lot

A LUCKY builder cemented an £8.5million fortune after scooping Saturday's Lotto jackpot, it was revealed yesterday. The identity of the 46-year-old married family man will be revealed in London today. "Wad the Builder", as he has been dubbed, plans to splash part of his £8,495,189 fortune on a world cruise. The winner, who owns a building firm, is from Worthing, West Sussex. He matched all six numbers, 17, 30, 33, 40, 42 and 43 on Saturday.

Racing horror

A RACING driver was killed just yards from a group of celebrities filming a reality show at Silverstone circuit. The supercart driver, believed to be in his 50s, died on Sunday when he was flung from his powerful vehicle and hit a barrier at the Northamptonshire track. Nearby, stars such as ex-boxer Nigel Benn, 42, and singer Gary Numan, 48, were working on Sky One's The Race.

A Sky One spokesman said: "Everyone was saddened. But it did not involve our event and The Race will go ahead."





THE father of two children thought to have been drowned in their bath was arrested on suspicion of murdering them yesterday.
His five-year-old daughter Caitlin Samuel and son Aiden, three, were pronounced dead in hospital after paramedics had rushed to their home

their home.

■ by JOHN MAHONEY

stunned the quiet north Wales community of Bodelwyddan, near the seaside town of Rhyl. Two children's bikes lay outside the front door yesterday as police and forensic teams sealed off the area around Coronation Close. A Winnie the Pooh was propped up outside the house along with flowers, cards and other tributes. Neighbour John Bairstow said: "They were two beautiful little angels and this is so terribly sad. There are a lot of children around here. They tend to play together in the street.

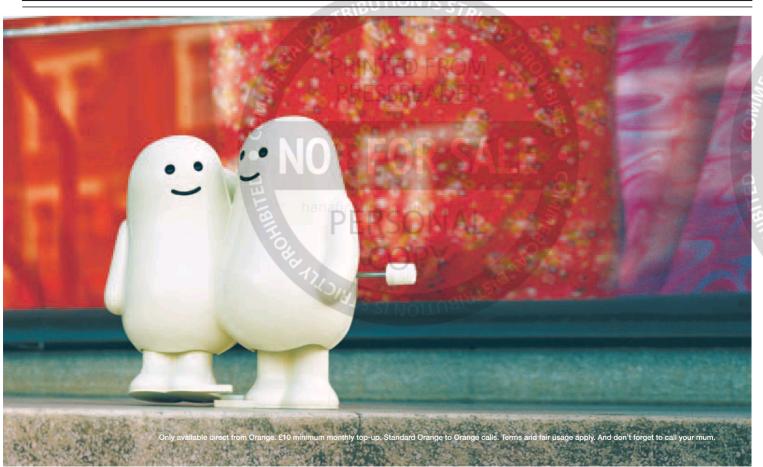
Evil

"We could not believe what had happened when we were told."
Another resident said: "It is evil beyond belief. They were two lovely, sweet children."
Det Supt John Chapman, heading the murder inquiry, said: "The family of the two children are being comforted by family liaison officers and are extremely traumatised by the deaths."

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GRIEF: Pooh and floral tributes

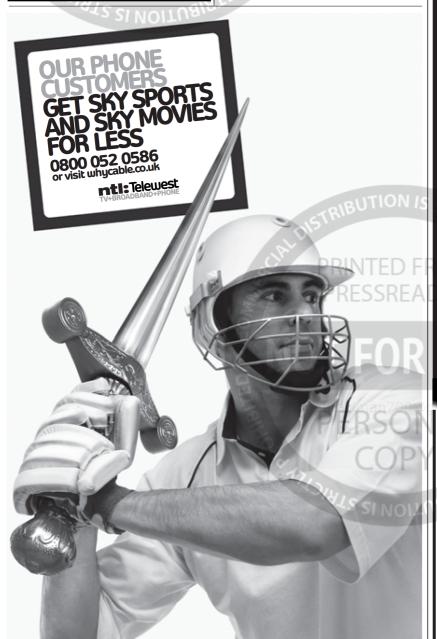












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Clip shows him grinning

A YOUNG teacher gave oral sex to a 15-year-old boy in school as he filmed it house mobile phone, a court heard

yesterday.

But his parents saw the steamy footage – including their son grinning – and Rebecca Denning, 26, was arrested.

arrested.

The fling began with the two touching each other as they passed in the corridor and flirting in front of other pupils, Birmingham Crown Court was told.

Then the rampant couple would meet in lay-bys for sex in the blonde drama teacher's car, it was alleged.

Denning, who is charged with three counts of sexual activity with a child and one count of abuse of trust, initially denied the relationship.

But when confronted with the footage she admitted the sex act had taken place in the theatre at the school.

She insists it was an isolated incident and refutes the boy's claims that they had sex.

and retutes the boy's claims that they had sex. Sally Hancox, prosecuting, said: "This relationship developed from flirty, to friendly, to touchy and then to sexual. "The two began to touch each other as they passed in the corridor—a pat on the

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bottom, a quick touch of the thigh. To show attention to – and be shown attention by – a young and attractive teacher could be every schoolboy's fantasy."

Denning gave him oral sex just before his 16th birthday, said Ms Hancox.

She added: "He used his mobile phone to record the event for posterity – or maybe for bragging rights.

"At one point in the film the camera is turned back to film his face.
"He is grinning at the camera – a schoolboy who knew he was doing something wrong but wasn't going to say No."

Duress

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Denning denied anything had happened when first confronted by the police, the jury heard.

Ms Hancox added: "She was shown a recording of the video clip, at which point she became emotional.

"She then said that she felt threatened by the student, that he had made demands for money and that she had committed the act under duress.

"She claims he had held a screwdriver to her head. There is no evidence of this in the video clip."

The case continues.

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Tops for telly..



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KIDDIE HOPE: Kate Price

Jordan aims to adopt

GLAMOUR girl Kate Price wants to adopt a disabled kid – but only

Price wants to adopt a disabled kid – but only after she has had five babies of her own.

And the 28-year-old blasted the latest craze of "celebrity adoptions" such as Madonna's.

Kate, alias Jordan, has two kids – four-year-old Harvey, who was born blind, and Junior, one. She wants three more with Peter Andre, 33, before adopting.

But she told ITV1's This Morning: "It is becoming a fashion to adopt a kid and I don't agree with that.

"But after we have our kids I would like to adopt a disabled child." Kate was to due to have her 32FF boobs reduced before the op was delayed last week.



CHALLENGE: Brendan

Bren up for Em

STRICTLY Come
Dancing's Brendan Cole
reckons his Saturday
night co-star Emma
Bunton is hot to trot.
Brendan, 30, who has
already had a series of
spats with the BBC1

sĥow's judges, says former Spice Girl Emma, 30, had

caught his lusty eye.
He tells this week's Star magazine: "I do think Emma Bunton and Carol

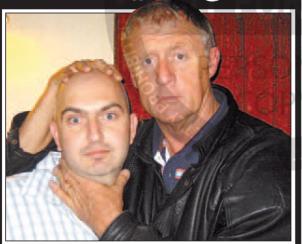
Smilie are attractive.
"Emma's really cute and lovely, and we get on really well"

And he admits he wants And he admits he wants to dance with either of the girls on the show, where he is paired up with Bad Girls actress Claire King, 42.

He says: "I would have He says: "I would have liked to have been partnered with Emma or Carol, but I wouldn't say preferred, as Claire's a bit of a challenge."



Chris's pub game



CHRIS Tarrant pretended to host Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? when he popped into a local pub. The TV star, 60, joined in the fun when a regular rang his brother to tell him who was there. Chris grabbed the

phone and said the brother had won £500,000 and wanted his help on the £1million question.

ETMIIION question.

Ed Davies, landlord of the
Queen's Head in Eye, Suffolk,
said: "Everyone was gobsmacked and

SIMON COWELL has laughed off claims he's at war with fel-

low X Factor judge Louis Walsh over his gay taunts. Telly's Mr Nasty says Saturday night's row was just a "storm in a

night's row was just a "storm in a teacup".

Simon refused to appear on The Xtra Factor after Louis, 54, made closet gay jibes and then gave Ashley McKenzie his marching orders.

Vote

Last night Simon, 47, said: "I've given Louis his medicine now and he'll settle back down. I'm sure he will be all right next week."

next week."
Simon added: "I don't think strategically
when I have the casting vote and I don't
expect the others to either:
"Louis's decision was a personal judg-

■ by KATIE BEGLEY

ment and it was more a criticism of me rather than a judgment of Ashley."
Ashley, 20, from south London, was Simon's first act to be booted out. He said: "Louis is trying to get the public to see the negatives because he's only got two acts left. I think Simon's team as a whole is the strongest in the competition. "Obviously it's a competition so he has to get rid of the strongest."
But last night Louis hit back, claiming the singer had proved he is unprofessional by forgetting his words last week.
He said: "He was unprofessional but I saved him. Then he's in the bottom two again and his performance just wasn't up to scratch.
"I think he got a little too smug – like

scratch. "I think he got a little too smug – like

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OUICKIE..

COURTNEY Love insists she's had less action than a nun since she gave up

The ex-**Hole** star. 42. The ex-Hole star, 42, moaned: "I don't have a pool of men – it's more a Jacuzzi, or even a bucket. I've got c**k written all over my brow."
Wash it off and you might have more luck.

OUICKIE..

BRITNEY Spears' husband Kevin husband Kevin Federline hates going

to the gym.
He said: "I gain the sympathy weight and she loses it in two weeks after she has the

weeks after she has the baby. It is daddy fat.
"Sometimes she'll tell me to get my butt in the gym. But I'm on a diet now." What of, lard and beer?

QUICKIE..

HILARY Duff, 19, has won a restraining order on alleged stalker Maksim Miakovsky, who was arrested after apparently revealing he planned to kill himself to get

to kill lillinger to get her attention. The Russian immi-grant, 18, is now safe-ly locked away at Manhattan Beach

SIENNA Miller has gone one better than her nanny-bothering fella Jude Law by dating someone who

Picture: FILMMAGIC

still needs a nanny.
And she's being paid £2,000 to spend the evening

£2,000 to spend the evening with the lucky 16-year-old. But don't fear, it's for a good cause and not an unsavoury reworking of the film Indecent Proposal. The blonde bombshell, 24, auctioned herself off at the Kiss Kiss Bang Bang event thrown by Void film company at Chelsea's achingly-swish Collection Club. And all proceeds will go to

And all proceeds will go to Unicef's Unite For Children, Unite Against Aids campaign.

So we're sure Jude, 33, will forgive his missus when she takes the lucky young winner as her date to the forthcoming UK premiere of her Andy Warhol flick, Factory Girl.
Generous Siema, right, will also treat the mystery minor to a slap-up, candlelit meal at Paper on Regent Street.

Thrilled

A Unicef spokesman said: "He's a very charming young man. I'm sure they'll have a great time. She's thrilled."
Thrilled isn't how we'd describe her at the auction, when a day's coaching with tennis legend Boris Becker, 38, raised £19,000 – nearly 10 times more than her total.
But her future date is happy enough for both of them,

SPOTTED

IN London: Amy
Winehouse being surprisingly
civilised at a PG Tips party at
Proud Gallery, Camden, and David
Schwimmer in Regents Park Road
Primrose Hill, with some bubbly. At
Silverstone race track, comic
lain Lee and Denise Van
Outen filming.

Tom terror

TOM Cruise should be very afraid. His ex-wife Nicole Kidman, 39, and former love Penelope Cruz, 32, are teaming up for a new film by Pedro Almodovar, 57, about a man who seeks therapy after an unsavoury encounter with allens.

Not a good combination for Tom, 42, who frowns upon therapy and thinks aliens created the world.

Rachel's hot rock





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Firm grilled over gut-buster

FAST food giant Burger King

FAST food giant Burger King is under fire for promoting a gut-busting burger with nearly 1,000 calories.

Experts have calculated a typical man would have to walk nine miles to burn off the Double Whopper with cheese.

Telly adverts tease fellas into buying it, asking: 'Are you man enough?''

But both the burger and the ad campaign are under attack from health campaigners.

They say it contains 57g of fat or 923 calories - rising to 1.500 calories if you include fries and a fizzy drink.

Experts have also worked out the burger's calorie content is equal to downing four and a half pints of lager or scoffing five chocolate bars in one go.

Watchdogs have made an official complaint to the TV regulator over Burger King's ad, claiming it is "irresponsible".

Last night Richard Watts, of health campaign group Sustain, said: "Burger King's

■ by GARY NICKS

response to the obesity crisis seems to be to bury its head in the sand, and continue to produce larger and larger burgers."
But the fast food chain defended its products and claimed it has worked hard to make them healthier.

A spokesman stood by the advert and said: "Customer research has identified there are plenty of men who enjoy indulging in a quality burger."

Grub

In another blow to Britain's health crisis, new research yesterday showed celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's school dinners crusade has backfired because children are put off eating his healthier dinners.

A BBC survey found that over half of schools who tried out more nutritious menus reported a fall in the number of pupils having them.

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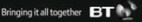
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- Take 15 showers (65 calories).
 Stand in a queue all day –
 honest! (100 calories an hour are
 burnt off just queueing).
 Give your house a good clean
 (225 calories an hour doing
 housework
- Mow the lawn and your neighbours' (295 calories an hour).

A SUPERMARKET price war has broken out over the nation's favourite chocs.
They've taken over from beer as the new

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battleground in the asises as store giants fight for Christmas supremacy. Tesco, Sainsbury's and Somerfield fired the first shots by slashing the price of brands like Quality Street, Roses and Celebrations in a move dubbed "quantity street" by industry experts. Usually at this

■ by MARLON CHAMBERS

time of year the chains slash beer prices to draw in customers.
But this year the attention has switched to the nation's sweet tooth.
Tesco and Sainsbury's are selling large tins of Quality Street and Celebrations at two for £9 instead of £7.48 each. Somerfield has cut £4 off a £9.99 1.5 kg tin of Roses.

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STAR POP

ABBA'S Number One collection looks to do big things this week. Despite most people in the world owning a copy of their greatest hits, I'm predicting the collection of kitsch to rocket up the charts. Celeb fans include Pete Townshend, 61, and Jake Shears. The Who legend Pete reckons: "SOS is the best pop song ever written." And Scissor Sisters mainman Jake, 28, added: "They defined pop from an adult perspective which rivalled the likes of Fleetwood Mac and Led Zeppelin."



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GET REAL : Borrell

Oasis rant at the new wave of rock bands

NOEL Gallagher has blasted the current crop of rock pups claiming they're not a patch on Oasis in their heyday. The Oasis axeman singles out The Kooks and Razorlight for a particu-

Rooks and Hazorlight for a particu-lar bashing.

His extraordinary rant also sees the elder statesman of Britrock taking a swipe at Arctic Monkeys.

Stop The Clocks, Oasis' first greatest hits

collection, hits shops in a fortnight and the senior Gallagher, 39, is despondent about the guitar-toting groups of today.

He rages: "If I see one more advert on the TV for an album that says "Best guitar album since Definitely Maybe' I'll shoot whoever writes those f***ing hings!

"It's flattering that it's still considered the benchmark, and that The Libertines, Arctic Monkeys, Razorlight and all said it was the album for them, but come on. I think a lot of these bands are just copying the blueprint. You're always looking at Johnny Borrell or him out of The Kooks and going: 'I dunno if you mean it man.'

"When you see those bands, there's something not quite right."

Grumpy

Alex Turner, 20, and his gang fare little better either. The guitarist reckons their dour image will really hamper their progress.

progress.

In an interview with NME, out today, he view with NME, out today, he continues:
"Their public persona is now of a bunch of grumpy old men.
"I'm worried about what's reject to today." going to follow in



their wake. If it's gonna be c***s wth guitars going: And me mum works down the f***ing chip shop, she met a geezer' and all that. "Great pop music is not about real life, it's about how great life can be. Real life's sh*t."

New rave scene leaders

life's sh*t."

New rave scene leaders Klaxons get the hair-dryer treatment too. "I saw them in Ibiza with Kasabian," adds Noel. "It was like torture."

"Either all their instruments were broken, or they didn't have a clue what they were doing!"

what they were doing!"
Who says that age mellows anybody?



INFLATABLE Supermen bouncing off the walls and the heads of punters is a sight not normally associated with the rarified confines of the Barbican. But then **Sufjan Stevens** is nothing if not idiosyncratic. The Detroit-born singer/songwriter has embarked on an audacious scheme to record an album about every one of America's 50 states. There's 48 to go, with Michigan and Illinois already having undergone the Stevens treatment. With everyone sporting glant insect wings and masks Sufjan leads his 12-strong "butterfly" band through an enchanting march through his deft, delicate back catalogue. Bonkers some of the time. But never anything short of brilliant.

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BIG BROTHER: Oasis's Noel, left, and Liam

is king

CHRIS Martin has hidden depths. I say this after an exclusive listen to Jay-Z's new album Kingdom Come. The Coldplay frontman, 29, sings



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Shayne

POP pin-up Shayne Ward's mum walked free from court yesterday after pub brawl charges against her were dropped.
Philomena Ward, 49, of Droylsden, Manchester, known as Mena, had been accused of threatening behaviour after a boozy bust-up with a doorman.
But yesterday she hugged relieved members of her family as Manchester magistrates threw out the case for lack of evidence. Prosecutor Jim Mowbras add he was not proceeding because the main witness to testify against 21-year-old Shayne's mum was in jail on unrelated matters.

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TAKING THE MICHAEL: Beckham

MOVIE legend Sir Michael Caine says David Beckham, 31, is too young to get a

knighthood.

Tony Blair is said to have put the former England captain's name forward, but the Italian Job actor said yesterday: "He strikes me as being year tenue." very young. "I was over twice his age

■ by ANTHONY WALTON

when I got mine." Oscar winner Caine, now 73, added:
"They should wait until he gets his first grey hair, like they did with me, then give him a knighthood."
Posh Spice said recently she would love to be called Lady Victoria. She said: "Can you imagine? Oh, I'd love that, that would be quite fabulous!" Sir

Michael joked yesterday on BBC Radio Five Live that Posh was already a Lady, and that her husband probably needed

her husband probably needed the title to catch up. Caine was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours six years ago when he was 67. The screen star, son of a south-east London fish-porter, now has the real-life name of Sir Maurice Micklewhite. He rose from his

humble origins to become a British movie great starring in dozens of classic films like Zulu, Alfie and Educating Rita. Caine has been nominated for six Oscars and won two both for best supporting actor. A political insider said: "He was fantastic for England, has done a tremendous amount for kids and helped win the successful London Olympic bid." tony.walton@dailystar.co.uk

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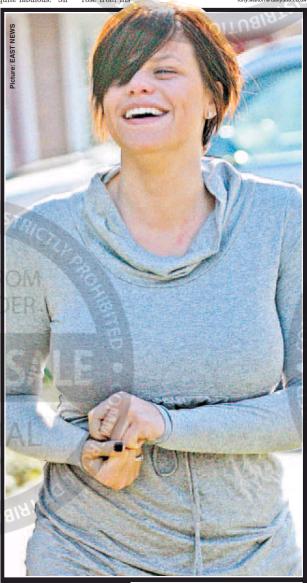
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It's smiles

POORLY Jade Goody put on a brave face yesterday – despite facing an anxious wait for the results of a bowel cancer test.

The 25-year-old was snapped at her Essex home, where she is resting after undergoing a series of hospital examinations last week. It followed her collapse at home with criniling etomach pains

week. It notweet the collapse a frome with crippling stomach pains.

Doctors are expected to take three weeks to analyse samples to determine if the Big Brother star has the killer disease.